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CITY ATTORNEY TARGETING COLUMBUS' MOST WANTED VOYEUR

Arrest warrant issued for University District resident previously convicted a dozen times for voyeurism and public indecency

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that a man he is describing as Columbus' most wanted voyeur is the latest target of his "Fugitive of the Week" program. Mark A. North II, also known as Tony North, has a bench warrant for his arrest after failing to appear in court to answer to the latest in a series of charges of voyeurism, criminal trespassing, and public indecency. The open charges stem from an October 2010 incident and add to North's lengthy criminal history, which includes convictions on 12 previous counts of voyeurism and public indecency.

"An individual who displays such a pattern of depraved behavior needs removed from our streets," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "The public should be on alert to call the police immediately if they see Mark North lurking in their neighborhood."

North, 31, was last arrested after being captured on video leering through a window and masturbating at a residence within walking distance of his apartment. His prior arrests indicate that he typically targeted the OSU campus area and Olentangy bike path to spy surreptitiously on his victims for sexual gratification and, in some instances, to expose himself purposely. In a particularly disturbing rash of incidents in March of 2009, North's victims included a minor and several OSU students. The incidents were documented and led to eight guilty pleas of voyeurism.

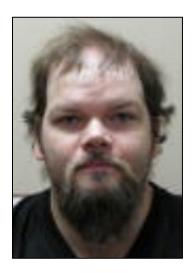
North's arrest record also includes possession of drug paraphernalia, illegally carrying a concealed weapon, and felony burglary charges.

"Looking at this individual's history, about the only time period he wasn't arrested for voyeurism or public indecency was when he spent two years in jail for burglary," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer's behalf.

North also is a registered sex offender and has an anti-stalking protection order against him.

"In the best interest of the public, the only things we want Mr. North staring at for the foreseeable future are the walls in his jail cell," said Hedrick.

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Mark A. North II (aka Tony North)

DOB: 6/2/80 (Age 31)

Height: 5'8" Weight: 185

Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue

Last Known Address: 547 Riverview Drive, Apt. B4

Columbus, Ohio 43202

Case Number(s):

2010 CRB 24903 and 2010 CRB 26662

Charge(s):

Voyeurism (one count); Public Indecency (two counts); Criminal Trespass (one count)